

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (92-171 Sub B)

DATE: 12/3/79

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

CRIMINAL INFLUENCE IN  
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS  
LOCAL 200  
MILWAUKEE, WIS.  
AR  
OO: Milwaukee

Recent investigation has reflected that [REDACTED] presently [REDACTED] for Local 200 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Milwaukee, Wis., is involved with members of the Milwaukee organized crime "family." specifically FRANK BALISTRIERI. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] of Teamsters Local 257, which subsequently merged with Local 200. [REDACTED] is a close associate of FRANK BALISTRIERI and is/was a made member of his organized crime operation.

[REDACTED] is described as follows:

Race:  
Sex:  
Date of birth:  
Social Security #:  
Address:

[REDACTED]

Based on the above, it is recommended that a sub file be opened with regard to this individual.

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/ [REDACTED] SAME LIEN AS ABOVE

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On April 23, 1980, [ ] stated that [ ]  
and [ ] both of whom source believes are  
employed by Local 200 of the Teamsters Union, have been  
spending a lot of time at [ ]

[ ] Source further advised that these two  
individuals have been associating frequently with [ ]  
who is employed by [ ]

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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

CRIMINAL INFLUENCE IN  
TEAMSTER LOCAL 200  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN  
AR (A)b6 per  
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A review of Milwaukee indices was conducted regarding [REDACTED] with negative results other than in connection with captioned matter.

A copy of a records check at the Milwaukee Police Department is attached. A similar check at the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office was conducted with negative results.

A review of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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The following investigation was conducted by SC  
[redacted] on April 16, 1980:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The records of the Milwaukee Police Department (MIPD),  
Bureau of Identification (B of I), were checked by [redacted]  
who provided the following information:

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Sex  
Date of Birth  
Address

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Fingerprints on file - [redacted] 8/27/64

The records of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office,  
B of I, were checked by SC [redacted] and failed to reflect any arrest  
record for [redacted]

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Subject :

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CRIMINAL INFLUENCE IN  
TEAMSTER LOCAL 200  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN  
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OO: MILWAUKEE

[redacted] a subpoena to testify before  
the Grand Jury. [redacted]

[redacted] was issued [redacted] for [redacted]

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[redacted] This subpoena was  
served on [redacted]

[redacted] On this occasion [redacted] was advised that [redacted]

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By letter dated [redacted]

On [redacted]  
advised that because of scheduling problems with respect

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and that he was taking this  
request under consideration.

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# Mafia jury on new tack, sources say

By Helene Morrison  
of the Journal Staff

The federal grand jury probing organized crime in Milwaukee is now examining the ties between the reputed head of the Milwaukee Mafia and the largest Teamsters local here, sources said.

The sources said the jury now has turned its attention to connections between reputed Mafia chief Frank P. Balistrieri and Teamsters Local 200 and to Balistrieri's possible ties with the Teamster's giant Central States Pension Fund.

Sources also said a man who is knowledgeable about Local 200's affairs is expected to be granted immunity soon to testify before the jury. He was directly overheard or discussed by others in telephone conversations intercepted by FBI wiretaps, sources said.

It is expected that the man will be questioned about the local's continuing practice of holding banquets at restaurants run by Balistrieri associates, sources said.

Federal investigators last March seized business records that show that the local paid \$50 and \$60 on

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# Balistrieri-union ties reportedly under probe

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occasion for individual dinners served, sources said. Investigators are looking into the possibility that kickbacks were involved, sources said.

### Centre Stage was used

Local 200 held its annual stewards' banquet, which public officials often have attended, at the old Centre Stage dinner theater at least since 1973.

The now defunct Centre Stage, at 624 N. 2nd St., was run by Frank Balistrieri's brother, Peter F. Balistrieri, who also held the liquor license, according to public records.

The grand jury also is expected to look into allegations contained in an FBI affidavit released in June that Frank Balistrieri arranged more than \$60 million in loans toward the purchase of the Stardust and Fremont hotels and casinos in Las Vegas, sources said. The affidavit alleged that Frank Balistrieri was receiving money skimmed from gaming tables for his efforts.

The 1974 loans went to Allen R. Glick, a Las Vegas businessman who operated the casinos under his Argent Corp. The Central States Pension Fund is being investigated by a federal grand jury in Chicago as part of an FBI probe that bears the code name Pendorf.

At the time of the 1974 loans, Frank H. Ranney, the former head of Local 200 and a longtime friend of Frank Balistrieri, was a member of the 16-member board of trustees of the pension fund and a member of its six-member loan committee.

Connections between Frank Balistrieri, Ranney and the Teamsters Union go back many years. Federal investigators believe that both men still wield influence over Local 200, sources said.

During Frank Balistrieri's trial in 1967 on income tax evasion, Ranney as a defense witness testified that the two had been friends more than 30 years. Ranney also testified that he lent Frank Balistrieri \$18,000 between 1959 and 1965. The Journal reported. Frank Balistrieri was later convicted of the charge and sent to prison.

In May 1970, Asst. US Atty. Gerald F. Uelmen submitted a report in Federal Court in Los Angeles that said a Milwaukee bank, later identified as the Continental Bank & Trust, had refused in September 1968 to grant a \$125,000 loan to Frank Balistrieri's son, Joseph P. Balistrieri.

### Loan quickly OK'd

The report continued: "After the loan was initially turned down, Frank H. Ranney contacted the bank and informed them a large deposit of Teamster Union pension funds would be available if the bank, in turn, granted a loan to Frank Balistrieri through his son, Joseph."

On Sept.-10, 1968, according to the report, the bank received a deposit of \$500,000 in cash from the Central States Pension Fund. On the same day, the bank granted a \$125,000 loan to Joseph Balistrieri, the report said. Two weeks later, an additional loan of \$63,000 was approved, the report said.

When the report was released, Ranney denied any wrongdoing.

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## Ruling on immunity for crime probe witness delayed

The federal government Thursday sought immunity from prosecution for Micheal Enea, a business agent for Local 200 of the Teamsters Union, a move that would require him to testify before a federal grand jury here. The jury is investigating organized criminal activities here.

Enea's attorney, David Uelmen, asked Federal Judge Terence T. Evans to refuse the request on the ground that the confidentiality of the grand jury proceedings had been breached by a reporter for The Milwaukee Journal.

Denying the government the testimony it is seeking from Enea, Uelmen said, is "the only way to seal the lips of the songbird."

Uelmen blamed the leak to The Journal on the government, but Deputy US Atty. Michael J. Trost traced it to dissident Teamsters who were interviewed by the FBI.

The Journal article in question ran Sept. 9 under a headline that read, "Mafia Jury on New Tack, Sources Say." The article said the grand jury, which is believed to be investigating reputed Mafia chief Frank P. Balistri-

eri, was turning its attention to the affairs of Local 200 and the Teamsters' Central States Pension Fund. The article also indicated that someone would be granted immunity to testify before the grand jury but mentioned no names.

In a letter to the judge, Uelmen said a Journal reporter called Enea about the immunity offer several days before the government told Enea that it would seek immunity for him. Uelmen said the article, which he quoted extensively in court, had violated his client's rights.

Evans described Uelmen's request as unusual and gave the attorney additional time to research the question of precedents for granting such a motion. Further proceedings on the matter have been scheduled Oct. 8.

"The court concurs with the notion that proceedings before the grand jury are to be secret in all ways," Evans said.

In a related hearing, Evans granted immunity from prosecution to Esther Ridgeway, an employee at Leonardo's Pasta House, 1601 N. Jackson St. Evans ordered Ridgeway to testify before the special grand jury Oct. 14.

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# First indictment in crime probe

A federal grand jury investigating organized crime in Milwaukee returned its first indictment Wednesday, it was learned.

However, the indictment was impounded until the person facing charges could be arrested.

In other action Wednesday, two people who have been granted immunity from prosecution were ordered to appear before the grand jury:

• Esther Ridgeway, an associate of Frank Balistrieri, was ordered to appear Tuesday. Balistrieri has been described in court documents as the head of organized crime in Milwaukee.

• Michael Enea, a business agent for Local 200 of the Teamsters Union, was ordered to appear Oct. 22.

Persons are called before a grand jury because it is believed they have relevant information. Being asked to

testify does not imply wrongdoing or guilt.

Enea and Ms. Ridgeway earlier had refused to testify. The grants of immunity require that they answer questions and produce any documents the grand jury wants or be held in contempt of court.

Ms. Ridgeway was granted immunity Oct. 2. She has been identified in public records as an associate of Balistrieri and an employee of Snug's, a restaurant in The Shorecrest Hotel, 1962 N. Prospect Ave., and Leonardo's Pasta House, 1601 N. Jackson St.

Both restaurants have been linked to Frank Balistrieri in FBI affidavits.

Affidavits also have indicated that the grand jury is looking into loans from the Teamsters pension fund that were used to finance the purchase of Las Vegas casinos. The affidavits said Balistrieri received "skim" money from some casinos.

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